

Gup's latest book set to go on sale in early June

The latest book from Ted Gup '68, *Nation of Secrets: The Threat to Democracy and the American Way of Life*, will go on sale June 5, 2007.

In his new work, according to the book's publisher, Doubleday, Gup turns his attention to a broader range of American institutions, exposing how and why they keep secrets from the very people they are supposed to serve. Drawing on original reporting and analysis, Gup argues that a preoccupation with secrets has undermined the very values – security, patriotism, privacy, the national interest – in whose name secrecy is so often invoked.

Gup shows how the expanding thicket of classified information leads to the devaluation of the secrets we most need to keep, and that journalists have become pawns in the government's internal conflicts over access to information. He explores the exploitation of privacy and confidentiality in academia, business and the courts, and concludes that these principles have been twisted to allow the emergence of what he calls a shadow system of justice, unaccountable to the public. Gup presents a vision radical in its clarity, conservative in its roots, of a country teetering on the brink of losing its identity.

“*Nation of Secrets* sounds the alarm about America's frightening turn toward excessive secrecy and makes the case with powerful reporting and a diligent, fair-minded toughness,” said Alex Jones, director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. “Ted Gup is a national treasure – a shoe-leather reporter with the highest ethical standards and a passion for truth.”

Gup, a member of Reserve's Board of Visitors, is also the author of *The Book of Honor: The Secret Lives and Deaths of CIA Operatives*.